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WITTY IS NAMED COMMENTATOR EDITOR

J. Adelman To Be New Managing Ed.

Irwin Witty '53, was named editor-in-chief and Jack Adelman '53 managing editor of The Commentator for the coming year, announced David Mogilner '52, outgoing editor-in-chief. The incoming Governing Board also includes Leon Kestenbaum '53, associate editor; Al Hoffer '54, and Michael Rosenak, news editors; Sheldon Rudoff '54, sports editor; and Abraham Weisbrod '53, business manager. The new Managing Board consists of Isaac Sherman '55, copy editor; David Levey '54, feature editor; Herbert Panitch '54, typing editor; and Arthur Jacobovitz '53, circulation manager.

Irwin Witty, new editor-in-chief, has served on The Commentator for the past three years, two years ago as copy editor, and last year as associate editor. In T. A. Brooklyn, he was editor-in-chief of "Kolenu" and literary editor of the Brooklyn T. A. EL-



Irwin Witty

chanite. He is also active in the B'nei Akiva organization.

Adelman, Managing Editor
Jack Adelman, new managing editor, was last year's copy editor. Hailing from Canada, he now lives in Teaneck, New Jersey. Former president of the Economic Society, he was also co-editor and managing editor of the I. R. C. Newsletter, published by the American Association of International Relations Clubs.

Associate editor Leon Kestenbaum, a Brooklynite, has served on The Commentator for three years, was news editor last year, and feature editor the year before. He is also president of his class.

Hoffer, Rosenak

Al Hoffer, news editor, former feature editor, is secretary of the pre-Medical and Gamma Rho Sigma societies. A Brooklynite, he was editor of the Brooklyn T. A. Elchanite, T. A. Debating Manager, and a member of the executive of Arista.

Michael Rosenak, also news editor, served on The Commentator for two years and was last year's copy editor. He is editor-in-chief of "You the Student," bulletin of the Student Activities Committee of which he is an original member.

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Editorial

An election assembly was held last Wednesday which was attended by less than 15 per cent of the student body. The student body, however, is not to blame. Certain members of the faculty are. At the time the assembly was held, these faculty members, in a most egocentric manner, refused to excuse their classes.

Do Professors Levine and Fleisher really believe that the particular lecture they delivered affect the students more than the Executive Council elected by the student body?

How can the administration talk about non-representative student electees when such a situation prevails?

Senior Class Will Vote For Valedictorian In '53, As S. C. Concludes Award System

A final agreement on the system of awards has been reached by representatives of Student Council and Dean Moses L. Isaacs. The agreement has been approved by Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva's president. The agreement calls for the following:

Beginning with the class of 1953, the valedictorian will be chosen at an election of the senior class on the basis of a ballot listing the three highest scholastically ranking seniors. The candidate receiving a plurality of ballots will be valedictorian. The votes will be counted by a representative of student council and a member of the faculty. The actual numerical counts and the relative ranking of the candidates will not be revealed.

I. Goodman Voted New S.O.Y. Prexy

Irving H. Goodman was elected president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva with a total of 194 votes. Irwin Sanders, who was disqualified, received a write-in vote of 184.

Samuel Feder gained the vice-presidency on the second ballot by defeating Herman Halon by a vote of 210-170. Mr. Feder led in the first counting 171-138. Joel Danishefsky dropped out on the first ballot with 120 tallies.

In the voting for secretary-treasurer, Dov Pikelney defeated Morton Summer by a vote of 233-144. Mr. Pikelney was ahead on the first ballot with 201 votes while Mr. Summer trailed with 112 counts and Aaron Skaist had 94.

Label Dulitz was elected Gabbai on the third ballot by defeating Bramson. The count by ballots was:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Dulitz	180	186	218
Bramson	125	129	163
Jacobovitz	95	98	
S. Siegel	20		

The elections were held in Stern's Cafeteria.

Greenberg, Shidlovsky Will Head Co-op Stores

Jack Greenberg '53 and Harry Shidlovsky '53 have been elected co-managers of the Cooperative Stores for the '52-'53 year, it was announced by outgoing co-managers Saul Bahn '53 and Sidney Tennenberg '52. Other members of the new managing board are: Herbert Zaman '54, in charge of the candy store, and I. Lubowsky '54 head of the record store and concert bureau.

Mr. Greenberg will head the main store while Mr. Shidlovsky will be in charge of the bookstore.

An awards committee of three will be appointed by the president. The sole purpose of this committee will be to administer the processing of awards.

Scholarship

Awards made for excellence in a given subject are to be made on the basis of scholarship provided that the candidate has no formal record of dishonesty either with a department or with the college office. A candidate disqualified for reason of record will be informed of the situation either by the department recommending the award or by the college office.

Where candidates of equal scholastic record compete for an award, the decision will rest with the members of the faculty giving the group of courses designated in the award.

The basis of awards will be the record of the student in the three and one-half years prior to the semester before graduation. A student graduating in the previous January will have his four year record used as the basis.

The candidates for prizes in which piety in addition to other characteristics is designated, will be named by the Awards Committee. Only the Gottesman prize is in this category.

Dean Isaacs in a letter to Dr. Belkin expressed the belief that "the above set of regulations is workable and will be satisfactory to all concerned."

All the recommendations excluding those about the valedictorian are scheduled to go into effect this semester.

Congrats

The editors and staff of The Commentator extend their sincerest congratulations to their editor-in-chief, David Mogilner '52, on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Sue Schiff.

B. Lerner Elected To Head T.I.S.C.

Bialik Lerner '54 was elected president of the T. I. Student Council in the elections held on Monday, May 19. Mr. Lerner defeated the other candidate, Otto Newman by a vote of 140 to 106. Joseph Mogilner '54, Benjy Lerner '53, and Ithamar Rosen were elected vice-president, treasurer and secretary, respectively, running unopposed.

It was announced that Nir, T. I. graduate journal, will be distributed early in June. The magazine will contain approximately twenty articles on the following topics: Modern Hebrew Literature, Jewish History, Education, and Halacha. The Nir will also contain several original short stories and poems.

This year's Nir will be dedicated to a member of the T. I. faculty, Dr. Solomon Wind. The issue will also contain two memorials, one to Dr. Nathan Klotz, late professor of Bible in T. I., and the other to Moshe Pearlstein, T. I. graduate who was killed during the Israeli war of independence.

'Ethics' Is Subject Of Final 'Fireside Chat'

Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung, professor of Ethics, spoke on "The Business of Ethics and the Ethics of Business" on Wednesday evening, May 14, in the Dormitory Social Lounge, in a lecture sponsored by the International Relations Society and the Fireside Chat Committee.

The speaker, who was introduced by Stanley Siegel '52, president of the I. R. S., declared, "The principles of theocentric ethics must be applied to the business world."

Korn Is New V. P.; Bahn Will Be Sec'y

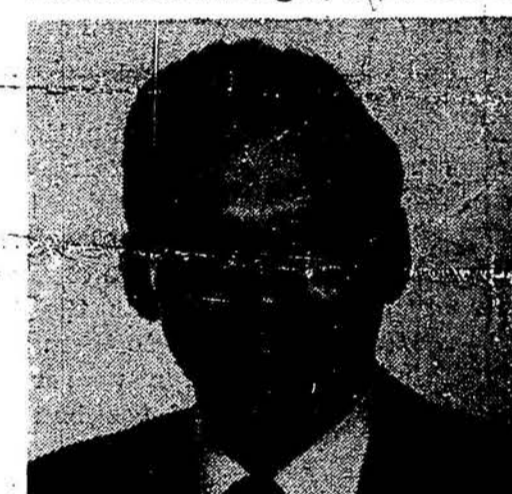
Irwin Shapiro '53 defeated Danny Bonchek '53 by a vote of 200 to 182 to gain the presidency of S.C. for 1952-53, after Marty Lindenbaum '53 had withdrawn yesterday morning.

In the vice-presidential race, Marshall Korn '53 gained 56 votes on the second ballot to defeat Maurice Novoseller '53 by a vote of 177-163. Mr. Novoseller led on the first ballot with 144 votes to 121 for Mr. Korn and 113 for Stanley Wagner '53.

By One Vote

Saul Bahn '53 defeated Michael Rosenak '54 by a margin of one vote, 157-156 in the voting for secretary-treasurer. Mr. Bahn had led on the 1st ballot 143-125. Herbert Rosenfeld '54 dropped out on the first count with 104 votes.

In the contest for the position of athletic manager, Saul Green-



Irwin Shapiro

field '54 defeated Harry Bienenstock '56, 194 to 103.

In the class elections, the lower Senior class elected David Mostofsky to his fourth year as class president. He defeated Gil Rosenthal by a vote of 48-21. Emanuel Forman compiled 31 votes on the second ballot to beat Lacy Burack and Walter Silver for the vice-presidency. Mr. Silver lost by two votes while Mr. Burack had dropped out on the first ballot with 20 votes.

The lower Junior class will be represented on council next year by Joel Balsam and Neil Hecht who defeated Murray Leifer and Ralph Saal by a vote of 26-24 and 66-8 respectively. Mr. Balsam's victory came on the fourth ballot after Sam April, Abe Morducowitz, and Manfred Rechtschaffen had dropped out.

In the Sophomore class elections, Howard Spear gained the presidency on the fifth ballot by defeating Yechiel Grunbaum by a vote of 57-40. Sidney Ingber, Chester Bershling, Morton Richter, and Gershon Metzger had dropped out successively on earlier counts. Judah Harris was elected vice-president by defeating Norman Liss 68-27. Myron Zundell was eliminated on the first ballot with 20 votes.

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In Retrospect

By David Mogilner

The school year is about to end and concurrently with it, another year of Commentator—its seventeenth. Sixteen years of The Commentator with its rich past—factual journalism of a high level, interesting features, and a student interest centered editorial policy—have gone by. This past year has witnessed a great many additions to the files of the past, some good, some not.

This past year, for the first time, an eight page issue of The Commentator was published—the Purim issue. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator presented a pre-election issue which included a message from every candidate for an Executive Council position. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator published three six-pagers. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator covered news of Jewish interest, to a much higher degree than usual. This coverage ran the gamut from an interview with Shoshana Damari to a detailed account of the U.O.J.C.A. convention. This past year, for the first time, The Commentator was under the yoke of an alumnus adviser.

That the adviser of Commentator had no wish to influence the editorial policy and general content of The Commentator this year is of no consequence. It is possible that in the near future such will not be the case and to the future editors of The Commentator one must charge the responsibility of fighting for the abolition of any sort of adviser.

The Commentator of the past year also fought for more active student government. It critically viewed the spathy of Student Council and Committee (S.A.C.). It laid the blame for non-autonomous student affairs on a student body that was unwilling to work for them. This fight for more participation in student government and autonomous affairs we also will to our successors.

To these successors we also leave our confidence—our confidence in the future of The Commentator, and our confidence in them as the immediate guardians of that future. We leave to them a better Commentator in some respects and a poorer one in others. May they rid themselves of the bad and improve on the good.

Outgoing Board



Left to right, standing: Leon Kestenbaum, Sheldon Rudoff and Irwin Witty. Sitting: Steve Katz, David Mogilner and Norman Toporovsky. Jacob Krumbeln was absent.

New Prexy Message

In Preview

By Irwin Shapiro

I wish to express my gratitude to our student body for selecting me as the president of their Student Council. I say *their* student council, for it is my staunchest conviction that its chief purpose should be to represent, to the fullest degree, the needs and wishes of the students. Yeshiva College has grown up quite a bit recently; one may tend to forget about a few individuals with opinions to voice, in the effort to follow the general trend of thought. It will be my job as president to listen to each and everyone, and yet simultaneously to keep track of everything concerning our college. I am aware of my responsibility, and shall do my utmost to live up to it.

What I promised in my platform shall be my guide in effecting measures of improvement. Nevertheless,

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Old Prexy Reports

In Review

By Simon Hellerstein

In the past, each year was famous for a flareup in negotiations with the administration on a particular problem. Such flareups were to be expected by an incoming president. Amazingly, no such incident occurred during the past year.

There did exist a problem which could easily have caused much friction, namely, the problem of awards. The executive council met almost weekly with the Student-Faculty Relations Committee in an attempt to reach a solution. All such attempts left us with a feeling of despair as to the possibilities of coming to any solution. The executive council refused to yield on any of its suggestions. At the same time it indulged only in ethical diplomacy, at no time arousing the wrath of the administration. It was this approach which in the long run proved successful. After meeting with Dr. Belkin and with Dean Isaacs, the plan (printed elsewhere in this issue) was finally agreed upon. No other solution could have been reached which would be agreeable to the administration, and at the same time would safeguard student rights.

In the realm of student activities, one must rate this year as having been moderately successful. Clubs functioned in their usual manner. Among others Eranos, I. R. S., the French Club, and the Sociological Society are to be commended on their fine work. Yeshiva sports saw an unsuccessful year for its basketball team and a more than successful one for its fencing team. A soccer team was created, which for a first year made a fine showing. The creation of S. A. C. was an excellent idea. Under the leadership of Stanley Wagner it proved its value during the spring semester.

Under the co-managership of Saul Bahn and Sidney Tennenberg, the co-op stores were run in an efficient manner. Books were checked regularly, and business activities were supervised by Professor Young.

The Commentator is to be commended upon maintaining the fine tradition set for it in past years. Editor Dave Mogilner fought relentlessly in true Commentator spirit for student rights, criticizing, on various occasions, the student government, the student body, and the Administration, when such criticism was warranted. Masmid, under the co-editorship of William Wealcatch and Simon Auster, ran a successful ad campaign and will present us with a fine year-book.

In retrospect of four years as a student at Yeshiva College, I was struck these past few weeks by the realization of the existence of a situation which must be corrected. One often hears mention made of Yeshiva's synthesis of "Torah U'Madah." Unfortunately such a synthesis is completely absent. It is most distressing that a graduate of Yeshiva College has no knowledge whatever of the relationship between ideas in the secular world and Jewish thought. He is incapable of combatting the notions of modern science as an Orthodox Jew should. He exists as a creature of two worlds, the Jewish and the Secular. I therefore urge both the administration and the incoming Student Council to act upon a revitalization of a college program which will develop the type of graduate so often referred to in flowery graduation addresses.

I have taken good care in checking upon the promises of my opponents, and have included into my guide any valuable suggestions that I found therein.

To repeat what has been uttered so often by candidates during the elections, there is a lot to be done yet. Indeed, whatever has been achieved hitherto shall remain and be enhanced by constant melding. But we must not be blinded, either, by extremes in our midst. Student Council must, and shall be, as impartial an organization as it constitutionally claims to be. There is, for instance, the question of awards, and it is towards the establishment of an objective system in granting them that we must strive.

Student-Administration negotiations have improved a lot in recent years. This hardly means that our work in implementing a stronger bond of understanding between the two elements is over. More cooperation is also needed in stabilizing the program of that excellent group, the S.A.C. Cementing our relationship with the alumni is a basic necessity for



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In Prospect

By Irwin Witty

To my mind a student newspaper serves to assure the student of sincere and careful coverage of events that govern their day-to-day college living, and interpret the true significance of the news-story to the reader. It is to be lamented that all too many readers fail to correlate the cold fact of a news story and the vital implication it may carry.

It has always been the task of an editor to establish that correlation. In September, it becomes my task.

"Commie's" excellent news coverage and pertinent evaluation of what the news means has earned All-America and First Class ratings. Be assured that we will continue along these lines next year.

Too, Commentator will continue to crusade for what we feel is right and will ultimately benefit the student body. We will be ever ready to cooperate with student and administration leaders and discuss any proposed changes or suggestions with them. We will avoid sensationalism if any other means can be employed, but we will not fail to put into print our stand on any issue which will not be justly resolved to the student's best interests.

Next year, we will campaign for the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at the college. We will seek to have established a faculty committee on fellowships and awards to guide seniors interested in applying to graduate and professional schools. We will urge the establishment of a Senior advisory council whom Freshmen and Sophomores can approach in the presence of faculty supervision to seek advice on programming and to seek guidance in solving the riddle called college. A committee of this sort could meet with the dean and division chairmen to discuss changes and improvements in the college curriculum and catalogue.

Medical school notwithstanding, we must not forget that this is primarily a Yeshiva. Today more than ever we assume the role of the fountainhead of Jewish learning in the world. Israel must become an integral, meaningful, and vital part of the dormant Jewish consciousness in Y. U. The Commentator will strive to foster these ideals.

I am confident that the trust placed in us by our former editors will be wholly justified if we keep these goals in mind.

Incoming Board



Left to right, standing: Al Hoffer, Michael Rosenak and Sheldon Rudoff. Sitting: Leon Kestenbaum, Irwin Witty and Abraham Weisbrod. Jack Adelman is not present.

student welfare, for past history of our college has shown that their cooperation, in various emergencies, was invaluable. There is also the matter of minor improvements, such as the questions of the social hall, the book exchange deal, the placement social hall, the book exchange deal, and the placement bureau.

It is well to remember that in the past, students have been rather perfunctory in their cooperation with Student Council activities, and presidents, in their turn, indifferent to their duties, or better still, uninspired. One thing runs hand in hand with the other. A president can be dynamic and progressive only if the students who have voted for him act as a stimulus with their suggestions, constant interest, and individual effort. Now that our institution has grown to such large proportions, it is in imminent peril of losing that intimate criss-cross of activity that has up to now characterized it and produced so much good. Remember this. I will be here to help you remember.

A Message from the Dean

By Dr. Simeon L. Guterman

The close of the term is a good time for a person, whether a dean or a student, to review achievements and to attempt to chalk out the future. This is particularly needful for an acting dean just completing his first academic year at a college. What is said hereafter really consists of two parts, what has been done or attempted in the past year, and what it is hoped will come from such efforts in the future. For, a great deal of our activity since September would be unintelligible without a clear understanding not only of our long-range goals, but of the immediate outcome which may be anticipated in the coming year or two, by which the program will have to be judged.

First of all, I shall like to pay tribute to students as well as to faculty for the fine way in which I have been received. I no longer consider myself a stranger to Yeshiva traditions. What I have seen and what I have learned in the eight or nine months since my arrival have amply confirmed the fine opinion and high hopes with which I entered on my duties last fall. I feel more confident now than ever that Yeshiva will be able to hold its own with the best undergraduate colleges in the country.

Let me try briefly to tabulate and, if possible, evaluate the work of this first year so far as it concerns my office. A committee system suited to the needs of a growing college was set up. The purpose of the committee organization was not only to secure greater effectiveness of administration, but also to secure the close cooperation of faculty members in such administration. The committees have not only helped in the formulation of policies, but they have shared in the actual work of administration wherever it has proved feasible. The committees, like similar ones in the legislature act as clearing houses for discussion and criticism of proposals presented to them for consideration, for each committee is, in some respects, the faculty in embryo. When a committee has digested recommendations submitted to it and come to a conclusion, the matter is ready for submission to the faculty.

The activity of the committees encompasses a variety of subjects: distribution of grades, examination procedures, absence regulations, guidance, entrance requirements and curriculum revision. Out of their recommendations has come the requirement of College Board Entrance Examinations for admission. Out of their deliberations will emerge other recommendations which it is hoped can be implemented in the future. Discussion of curriculum problems and of new courses has been going on unremittably because on no part of its work does the progress of our Col-

lege depend more than on the quality of the courses and of the men who give them.

It is difficult to say any more about the outcome of this manifold activity. Much remains to be worked out, but I can assure the student body that their interests are being meticulously weighed at every step and that the changes that will ensue will make for a better and happier College of Arts and Science.

Editors Review '53-'54 at Yeshiva

Students returning to Yeshiva College for the 1954 fall semester could not help noticing the changes which marked the school's twenty-fifth and the President's tenth anniversary. The most striking transformation had taken place in the College office where a new man was occupying the dean's chair. The old dean was occupying a new chair next door. Acting Dean Simeon L. Guterman, Harvard '30, greeted us with a pledge of cooperation between his office and the student body because "determining policy depends, to a large extent, on the cooperation between the Dean's office and the students."

In the dorm there was a new advisor, Rabbi Nathan Bulman '46, who envisioned a non-compulsory *minyan*. Across the street, at Harry and Morris', there were no new faces, but many new tables, tiles and ashtrays.

Meanwhile the University was making headlines with the Medical School. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held October 25, and Governor Dewey and "Impy" addressed the rain-soaked gathering. Dr. Belkin called it a "dream come true." Dr. Marcus Kogel, New York City commissioner of hospitals and newly appointed dean, stated that, more accurately speaking, it was a dream to come true by 1955.

Two weeks later, the eighth annual Charter Day celebration honored Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, former assistant secretary of defense.

Committees, Committees, etc.

Back at the College, there was no defense. School went on and the new Acting Dean announced the re-

Student Guidebook Distribution Ready For Coming Week

The first Yeshiva University Student Guidebook on a complete University basis will appear next week, announced Leon Wildes '54, editor. This project will include a complete description of all student activities at the University and the facilities at the student's disposal. Its purpose is to help resolve many typical freshman problems and to produce a better informed student body.

The Guidebook, a 4"x6" handbook, is illustrated with many photos and drawings of student activities. It was produced through the cooperative efforts of twenty-one students. 2500 copies of this seventy-two page booklet will be ready for distribution next week.

Mrs. Cecil Feder Appointed Registrar for Stern College

The appointment of Mrs. Cecil Salwen Feder as registrar and Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Mrs. Feder is the first person to be appointed to the faculty of the College which is opening in the fall. A native New Yorker, Mrs. Feder has served in the mathematics departments of Brooklyn and Hunter Colleges. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Hunter College in 1947, graduating *summa cum laude*, and her master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1950. She is a candidate for a doctorate at Columbia. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Mathematical Society, and Phi Mu

Epsilon, national honorary mathematics fraternity, she serves on the editorial board of "Jewish Horizon."

Consultant Named

Dr. Belkin also announced that Dean Norma MacRury of Skidmore College has been named educational consultant for the Stern College for Women. A former Assistant Dean of Women at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, she has been a teacher and administrator for the past twenty-five years.

Dr. MacRury received her bachelor of arts degree at Radcliffe College, master of arts degree at Boston University and Ph.D. at Radcliffe. She holds a *Diplôme de Professeur* from the Sorbonne and a *Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française*, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. MacRury, who has served as dean at Skidmore since 1949, has had extensive experience in both the educational and sociological fields.

vision of the faculty committee system.

November came and with it, the first rumblings in Student Council over the Dean's Reception which was becoming an annual event and which had long been an annual issue. Council wanted Lamport Auditorium as usual, and, as usual, the Faculty Committee on Student Relations wanted the gym. The lat-

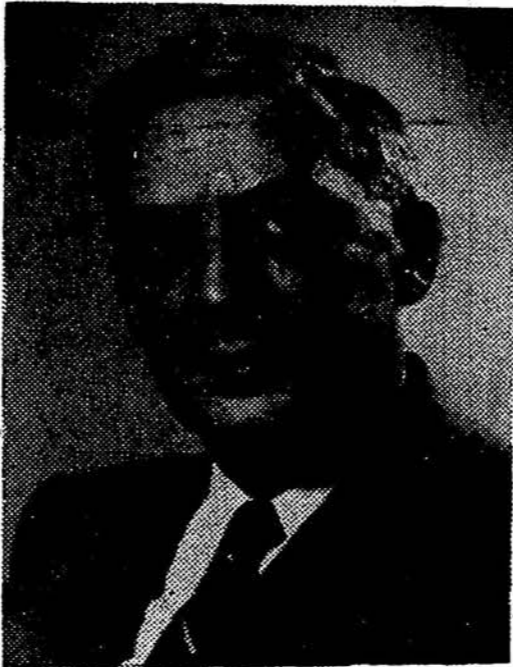
minyan, "synthesis," Torah study and other "phases." The students were informed that *minyan* is not a matter of policy but of *Shulchan Aruch*, that "synthesis does not mean chemistry *a la gemorra* but something that must be achieved in the personality of the individual." He assured us that, despite all expansion, R.I.E.T.S. will always be the center of the University.

At the beginning of the new term, students prepared to shell out money both to Yeshiva and to charity. Abe Kramer '54, set a \$5000 goal for the Y.U. Drive. To make sure that future students could foot such a bill, the College office announced that entrance examinations would henceforth be required from all applicants for admission.

March brought Norman Thomas to Yeshiva on the wings of an I.R.S. assembly. He urged disarmament and socialism of the capitalistic type. Meanwhile Student Council, sensing that the capitalistic institution of free elections was not far off, started clean-up campaigns. The Co-op announced the opening of a canteen which, it was rumored, was also cleaning up.

College for "Friends"

THE COMMENTATOR began its twentieth year with a "pink" *Purim* issue. S.O.Y., apparently wary of the "Commie's" commie influence, held a reactionary *Purim Chagiga* and urged singing and dancing without friends. But time was destined to march on and the University was not restrained from announcing the opening of a College for Women in September. Mr. Max Stern made the venture possible with an initial gift of half a million dollars.



Max Stern

ter's arguments this year were reinforced by the discovery of a new and potent deodorant. A compromise was reached when both parties agreed to Stern's Cafeteria and Riets Hall. THE COMMENTATOR, in a "post-mortem" editorial, lamented the fact that the administration could not "see eye to eye with Student Council and give our new Dean a proper welcome and in a proper style."

Since vandalism was roaming the streets of the Heights, a special police-guard was assigned to the Y.U. area. Affected by the aggressive atmosphere, the "Commie" editor appeared on T.V. to defend the supremacy of the male in the home.

After the annual *Chanuka chagigot* had taken their annual toll of sanity and sobriety, Adlai Stevenson, who wasn't so busy this year, spoke at the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner and declared that in the name Yeshiva "there is the happy suggestion that theology and science need only be separated by a hyphen."

In mid-year, the accent began to shift to psychology at Yeshiva. The Psychological Clinic was made a separate division of the University, and Dr. Belkin agreed to meet with dormitory students to "entertain questions on any phase of student life." At this affair, the President was bombarded with questions on

Branches were spouting furiously. The Community Service Bureau was reorganized as a separate division. With a budget of \$50,000, the new agency was organized to serve Orthodox communities throughout the country.

Before the Passover holiday, Yeshiva students gave a pint of blood as a holiday sacrifice. Their combined efforts achieved for Yeshiva the distinction of coping percentage honors in New York colleges. Student Council, recognizing the need for replenishing the depleted circulatory systems of Y.U. students, again rebuked Yeshiva's two eateries for their watery diets. The Freshman Class, however, had enough energy left to hold a "friendless" Freshman Frolic. Seniors made the news too, with several of them receiving honorable mentions in the National Science Foundation contests and with the acquisition by others of fellowships to leading graduate schools.

After Passover had passed, it was announced that the Y.U. Drive had passed its goal. Now the problem of passing courses came up. But before settling down to work, Spear, Borow and Jaffe were elected Student Council executives and Enker became THE COMMENTATOR editor.

Student activities ended on a liberal note when James Wechsler, editor of the *N.Y. Post*, and Chesly Manly debated "McCarthyism." But actually, with a few weeks of college still before us, we suspect that, if the events of this year are any indication, anything can still happen.



Breaking Ground: (L. to r.) Nathaniel Goldstein, Governor Dewey and Dr. Belkin at the Med School ground-breaking ceremonies.



A new alumus, Adlai Stevenson receives honorary degree from (l. to r.) Charles Silver, Dr. Belkin and Max Etra.

Gallic Chief Rabbi Visits New York; Rabbi Kaplan Cited for Finaly Role

By Henry Kressel

Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, Chief Rabbi of France and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, visited our institution the other day and we naturally set out to interview him. He looked very much like a chief rabbi with his graying *barbiche*, black hat, well-cut dark suit and the aristocratic air that is requisite of such an office.

Rabbi Kaplan is in this country at the invitation of the New York Board of Rabbis, who awarded him a citation for his important role in the celebrated Finaly case. This affair involved two Jewish children who were converted to Catholicism during World War II and were being reclaimed by their aunt, their parents having died during the war. After the Catholic Church refused to return them, the case went to court where thanks to the brilliant legal battle fought by the Baron de Rothschild and Rabbi Kaplan

and thanks also to an enroused world opinion, it resulted in a court-order for the return of the children to their family. The children were finally returned after a long delay, countless broken promises on the part of the Church officials and a personal intervention by the Pope.

"It was a great victory for the Jews," he informed us in a very rapid French, "and broke the precedent of the Mortara case of 1858 in which the converted child was not returned to his Jewish parents. We gave the Finaly case the most publicity possible. Public opinion was our greatest ally. Every time the Church postponed the date for the delivery of the children, we sent out releases to the press accusing the Church of breaking its word. We also sent out notices warning the Jewish community that their children were in danger of being converted, and that only the

most stringent watch would save them. Just a publicity stunt, you understand, but very effective."

Rabbi Kaplan expressed some concern over the Jewish children still being held by the Church. "Unless their parents or relatives claim them," he said, "no action can be taken."

When queried about the French *yeshivot*, he informed us that future rabbis are trained in the Ecole Rabbinic de France in Paris, which has presently about a dozen students who also matriculate in the Sorbonne.

The Rabbi then spoke of the three other *yeshivot* located in Paris, Strasbourg, and Aix-les-bains, and mentioned the Jewish high schools combining Jewish and secular studies which in his opinion were unsuccessful. It seems that after graduation the students did not go to Ecole Rabbinic as was expected. "None of our schools are anything like this," added Rabbi Kaplan with a wide sweep of his hand that took in the Yeshiva building, "but the spirit is the same."

We were about to ask him about some other aspects of Jewish life in France when his companion, Rabbi Simon Langer, reminded him of some other important engagement, flagged down a taxicab and, without giving him a chance to add another word, whisked him away.

Political Hopfuls Voice Aspirations In Manner Evoking Senatorial Envy

By Nat Geller

The caucus room of Yeshiva University, alias the fourth floor lecture hall, was the scene of the recent campaign speeches. With the scent of some organic chemical in the air, and with the doleful cry, "I can't get out, the back door is locked," echoing through the chamber, the hopeful prospects of student government delivered their eulogies.

Those candidates whom years of political experience and skulduggery had made wise, refrained almost entirely from the use of the words, "I promise." Instead, they presented their most magnificent service records for public consumption. In keeping with precedent, and also with an eye to the future, they *pledged* great things if elected. On the other hand, the younger political scientists outdid themselves. They would have made a senatorial candidate with envy. Anything and everything was promised including T.V. sets, inflation of student pride and free keys to the Dorm Social Hall. Others demanded the right to attend *minyán* by their own volition and stated that this problem was a direct violation of reprimandation without representation. At this point the organic scent became more potent and the cigarette smoke became thicker, but still no one bothered to open a window.

Several of the candidates who attempted to effect the complete reform of the school in ten minutes, had to be reminded that "Rome wasn't built in a day." They had, however, reached such oratorical furor that only the subtlest diplomacy and threats of pugilistic punishment uttered by the bewildered chairman, succeeded in removing this threat to Robert's *Manual of Parliamentary Procedure*. Since the chairman was an aspiring member of the wrestling team, the advice was well taken. When order was finally restored, the student body was reminded that the position of vice-president was open to anyone who felt he could qualify. No one responded — even after it had been made clear that the Veep's position is a potentially powerful one, especially if the President decided to stay home.

Several candidates then made special mention of the Y.U. club program and consented unanimously to give special aid to the Used Book Exchange, if elected. As one candidate so aptly stated, "The

A. Student Sees Tweed; Talks Him Into Wrestling

By Al Sutton

Average stretched lazily as he sat up in bed. It was 10:30. He looked at the mail lying on the night table. One large manila envelope, in particular, caught his eye.

"To: Average Student
From: Average College."

He opened the envelope to find a copy of the tentative program for the fall semester and a copy of the school's version of the Sears Roebuck manual, he found twenty new pages added, ten of them blank and the others containing a list of all the undergraduates, double spaced. Average was amazed at all this literary talent. Getting out of bed, he washed, dressed, ate last night's dinner and sat down at his desk to work out a program. Finding Co-ed Wrestling OI in conflict with one of his required courses, Student was disturbed. He decided to drop over to the school to straighten out the situation.

He entered the office at a very crucial moment, the secretaries were in the midst of a bridge game. He waited until the play was over and the new hand dealt. Then, walking over to the "dummy," he demanded to see the Dean.

A rosy-cheeked cherub, otherwise known as secretary No. 1, walked over to a door marked "Private—Do not awake." Presently, a cheery, youthful individual pop-

Used Book Exchange is the lifeblood of Yeshiva's economy, and with an expanded book exchange, I *pledge* greater efficiency in future works."

By this time, it had been made perfectly clear that all students need more psychological guidance, cleaner bathrooms and a greater variety of courses in the graduate school. Also, at this time, the rear door was finally unlocked, and a near riot ensued as Yeshiva's electoral college rushed to "write-in" their candidate.

ped out from behind one of the doors.

"Do you want to see me, Average?" he asked eagerly.

"No, thank you," Average answered politely. He had come to see the Dean. How much at ease that young face had made him feel; it was so unpretentious as if it too were a student and it called Average by his first name.

Average chewed three cigarettes while waiting for the secretary to produce the Dean. Presently, a Viceroy filter-tip stepped out from behind the door followed by a tweed suit.

"Do you want to see me Student?" This was formal. He called him by his last name.

"If you don't mind, sir," Average mumbled.

Average entered his office and made his request. He stated that he was of the opinion the College should not stand in the way of his education and that his required courses definitely interfered with his liberal education. In effect, therefore, he thought it only proper pedagogical policy to be allowed to take Co-ed Wrestling OI.

The tweed suit thought a moment, brushed a fly off his sleeve and responded in cultured accents—"Requirements—especially at the expense of Co-ed Wrestling. Why, when I was out West—Well, good luck, Student."

He stood up and shook his cigarette.

The secretaries were still playing bridge when Average walked out.

Mr. Wechsler and His "Age of Suspicion"

By Oscar Schachter

The Age of Suspicion, by James Wechsler: Random House, 1953.

The American college student of the '50's takes for granted his political awareness and his myriad public action groups. This relative independence and awareness was not part of the college student's baggage in the '20's. The hip flask and the football pennant were then waved with equal fervor in the bright sunshine, while the political banners were nowhere to be seen.

In 1935, Mr. James Wechsler, now editor of the *New York Post*, in a work called *Revolt on the Campus*, had pointed out that the student of the '20's viewed college as an investment. College graduates made more money so it was "wise" to go to school. College was also often a pleasant interlude before he was forced to enter a world of realities. Football reigned supreme and college newspapers were full of facts such as pushing peanuts about the campus. Foreign observers such as Harold Laski were shocked into writing articles like "Why Don't Your Young Men Care?"

In a second book, *The Age of Suspicion*, published a year ago, Mr. Wechsler explains why in the '30's a great number of American students suddenly deserted the football stadium for the political arena, and why on the way, so many of them suddenly found that they had taken a sharp turn to the left.

The withdrawal of the college student from national politics in the '20's actually paralleled the withdrawal of the entire nation from international affairs. A great burst of idealism had been expended on the "war to end all wars" and when it was found that nothing at all had been ended, a great desire for "normalcy" set in. America wanted no more sacrifices, no more leadership and no more dabbling in "causes." The college student, who had been a vociferous patriot, was completely disillusioned and decided to return to his own "normalcy," namely, the football stadium.

According to Mr. Wechsler, in the early '30's two great events shook the apathetic undergraduates. Firstly, the Great Depression, which at its onset made little impact on the student, had by 1932 caused him to notice that alumni were also joining the breadlines. He was suddenly forced to take a good look around him and what he saw was that the capitalist system, which had been given the sanctity of the Scriptures seemed to lack a heart and soul.

Across the ocean, meanwhile, in Italy and Germany, a second great moving force was slowly gathering strength. Fascism seemed to be the coming thing, but its birth could be accompanied by war and terror. The student knew that he would be asked again to lead any future American war effort. By this time, however, he was not certain that his own system was worth such an effort. In his uncertainties he looked about for someone who knew the answers.

One group, however, did volunteer to forward a dynamic solution to solve all the ills that the "system" had bred. Communism would end both war and depression. If the college student was ready for a new spurt of idealism, the "Party" seemed the only well-organized political group on the campus, and so by default it became the focal point for student activities.

The question that will plague any future totalitarian movement in America, of either the right or left, is why the Communists were able to hold onto only such a small number of its converts. Why is Mr. Wechsler able to describe the party in the '30's as resembling a "revolving door" where many came and many went, with but a small number remaining faithful? It is of vital importance for us to understand this phenomenon and that can be done best by comparing the American scene in the '30's with Germany. Manes Sperber, in one of the best of novels of post-war Europe, *The Burned Bramble*, describes the German Communist Party of the '30's, paying particular attention to the leaders of the movement. By 1937 they are completely disillusioned Communists. They realize that "Mother Russia" has used them simply to further her own ends. They have been accused of the most heinous crimes against the working class and yet they find that they can't leave the Communist side, because to do so would put them in the position of supporting the Fascists. They preferred to remain with a movement which they believed was inherently good but that had been corrupted, rather than join a movement whose basic premises were corrupt.

Americans can be thankful that by 1937 their own Communists could be offered a democratic middle course. In a climate of free thought, as Mr. Wechsler says, "every Communist quickly becomes a potential ex-Communist." Where liberalism offers a program of its own, and by this time President Roosevelt had done so, thinking men will quickly desert the stifling atmosphere of the Communist cell where an "advisor" relays the answers and where today's dogmas become tomorrow's heresies. We must forever make certain, however, that an alternative to the totalitarianisms of right and left exists. One of the greatest dangers facing us today is that the McCarthys will allow no such middle course. They insist that one is either a McCarthyist or a Communist. Mr. Wechsler's faith in contrast to this absurd simplification is worth quoting. "I have tried to be more than a negative opponent of communism; I have tried to combat poverty, inequality, bigotry and oppression in all their forms, for I know that these are the conditions which make any young men and women in any era susceptible to the false flags of Communism. It is not enough, I believe, to be an anti-Communist; I have tried to establish my affirmative devotion to democratic principles of which freedom of thought and speech and press are essential."

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On The Sidelines Mr. Wettstein's Remarks At Sports Dinner Aired; Hoop Prospects Viewed

By Sheldon Rudoff

"I went to school with 'Red' Sarachek and I could never figure out what he did there. I came to Yeshiva and he followed me here. I never could figure out what he did here either. Now I know; he is a good master of ceremonies." (smile)

This was one of the few poignant remarks of Hy Wettstein, coach of the champion T.A. basketball team and instructor of physical education directed at his colleague, Yeshiva's basketball coach, Bernie Sarachek, at the Y.U.A.A. dinner. They bring to light a conflict which has been hushed-up by the A.A. over the past few years. Until now these remarks weren't made public and were kept in the confines of the Y.U.A.A. meetings. That's where they should have stayed.

Mr. Wettstein had no right nor need to jibe Sarachek before approximately one hundred people; students, coaches and friends who attended the annual affair. Coach Wettstein's team walked away with two trophies for winning the Jewish High School League and Metropolitan Private School League crowns. It was a great day for him and his champions. Coach Sarachek jokingly admitted that he was building "character" even if he wasn't winning ball games. It was obvious to anyone there that Hy Wettstein was the more successful mentor at YU this season, so why rub it in?

It has always been Mr. Wettstein's contention that Sarachek doesn't devote enough time to his team. He doesn't contest the enthusiasm "Red" has for his squad as is evidenced by his performance at the ball games. However, Wettstein believes that Yeshiva would produce a better basketball team if it held more frequent practice sessions. This is undoubtedly true, and is a problem that has been reiterated time and again by Coach Sarachek. Whether the fault lies with Sarachek or with his players and their programs is a matter of opinion and will be left for another time and another story. We are not protesting Coach Wettstein's opinions, but rather the manner and occasion in which he presented them.

It was Wettstein who boldly suggested the removal of Sarachek several years ago for the aforementioned reasons. His proposal was blocked because everyone who knows Bernie Sarachek likes him—even Hy Wettstein. Wettstein has the betterment of Yeshiva athletics at heart and has no special animosity toward Sarachek. However, on the occasion of the Athletic Association's second annual dinner he took unfair advantage of the ribald redhead. Sarachek preceded Wettstein on the program and was unable to answer his remarks. Mr. Wettstein, who presented a sportsmanship award, hit below the belt when the occasion did not call for it.

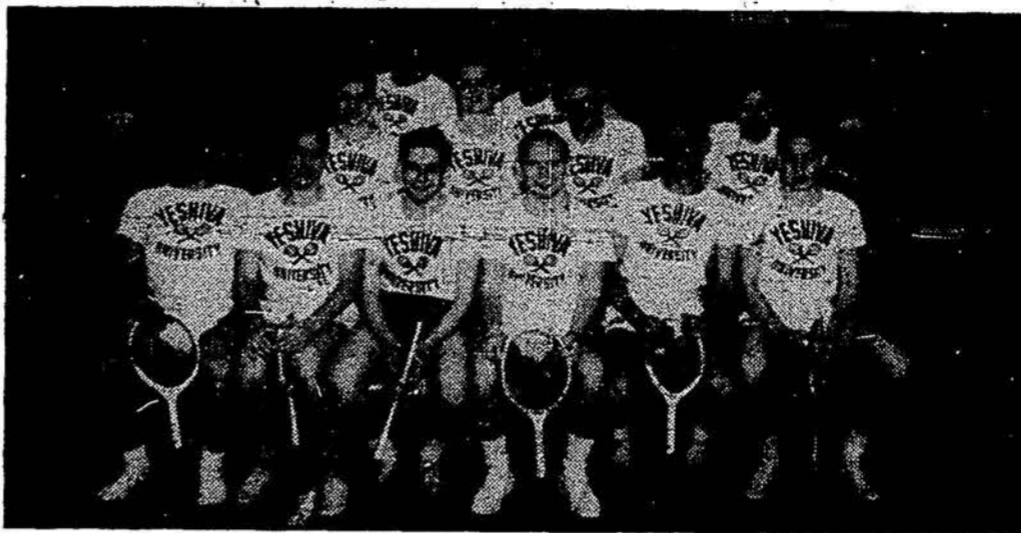
The key to the entire situation can probably be best expressed by the words of Co-Captain Rubin Davidman of the Mighty Mites and Fred Anisfeld of the victorious Talmudical quintet. "After all the years I played for 'Red,' I can say this on behalf of all the boys on the squad: he is, and always will be my buddy," Ruby stated simply as he presented Sarachek a gift from the team. Fred Anisfeld presented the high school league trophy to "our coach, Mr. Wettstein."

The brighter side of the affair was the appearance of Abraham Sodden, a Chaim Berlin hoopster, who received the coveted Most Valuable Player of the Jewish High School League Award. His 6'4 frame looked real fine in his dark blue suit and undoubtedly would look even better in a Yeshiva basketball uniform. Sodden, who could fill the shoes vacated by Artie Stein two years ago, still needs much training and drilling in many of the fundamentals of the game. At press time he still hasn't been accepted in the college. Other promising hoopsters are T.A.'s Fred Anisfeld, Sam Cohen and Marv Teicher, and Brooklyn's Jonah Kupietzsky. They'll give Sarachek an opportunity to stop building only character.

Racquetmen Defeat Pace 5-4; Lose In Rider Match 7-2

The Yeshiva University Netsters won their second match of the year by defeating Pace College, 5-4, on Friday, April 9. Rider College of New Jersey toppled the Racquetmen 7-2, on Tuesday, May 13. Both games were played at Yeshiva's home field, The Riverview Tennis Courts, in the Bronx.

Rejuvenated Racquetmen



Top row: Daniel Miller and Abbie Gewirtz. Second row: Gene Horn, Manuel Rechtschaffen, Abe Kramer and Marvin Gotkin. Bottom row: David Lifshutz, Shimmy Gewirtz, Manager Aaron Borow, Captain Stanley Z. Siegel, Henry Schwalbe and Josh Taragin.

Playing its best singles matches of the campaign, Yeshiva captured four of the six bouts. Josh Taragin, moved up to the number two position, Dave Lifshutz, and Y. U.'s new brother combination, Sidney and Abby Gewirtz, won in singles competition. It was the younger Gewirtz's first win of the season. Taragin and Lifshutz teamed up to defeat the Pacer's Hersh and Rosen 6-2, 7-5. The Heighters, forced to forfeit the remaining two

Yeshiva 5, Pace 4 SINGLES

1. Rosen, Pace, over Siegel (8-6, 8-6)
2. Taragin, Y.U., over Hersh (6-1, 6-1)
3. Lifshutz, Y.U., over Perkins (6-0, 6-1)
4. S. Gewirtz, Y.U., over Reinisch (6-4, 6-2)
5. Gazzetta, Pace, over Schwalbe (6-0, 7-5)
6. A. Gewirtz, Y.U., over Brumfield (6-2, 6-3)

DOUBLES

1. Taragin and Lifshutz, Y. U., over Rosen and Hersh (6-2, 7-5)
2. Forfeit by Y.U.
3. Forfeit by Y.U.

doubles bouts due to the approach of the Sabbath, left with a 5-4 victory.

Rider College handed the Blue and White its fifth defeat of the season by copping five singles and two doubles matches. Only Dave Lifshutz who defeated Korchinsky, 6-2, 6-3, and the Schwalbe-Lifshutz duo were able to rack up victories for the team. This marked Lifshutz's fourth straight win in doubles play. The game was played under cloudy skies and amid scattered drops of rain.

Athletes Honored At Second Athletic Association Dinner

A crowd of one hundred people, including coaches, athletes, and friends of Yeshiva University, attended the second annual sports dinner sponsored by the Y.U.A.A. The dinner, held May 12 at Henry's Restaurant in Queens, served to award trophies and letters to the varsity athletes of Yeshiva and of the Jewish High School League.

Professor Abraham Hurwitz, chairman of the Physical Education Department, and Rabbi Abraham Avrech, chairman of the Athletic Association, briefly reviewed the history of Yeshiva athletics and cited the progress made in recent years by the various teams.

Basketball Coach Bernie Sarachek, Fencing Coach Arthur Tauber, Tennis Coach Eli Epstein, Soccer Coach Nat Maier, and Wrestling Coach Emanuel Maier, delivered short talks about the past season's athletic accomplishments and awarded varsity letters to their respective teams.

Mr. Hy Wettstein, coach of the Talmudical Academy basketball team, together with the members of his squad, received trophies emblematic of the Jewish High School League and Metropolitan Private School League championships. Abraham Sodden, 6'4" center of the Chaim Berlin High School quintet, was awarded the Most Valuable Player of the Jewish High School League Trophy. Mrs. Pearl Jetter, representing Barton's Bonbonniere, presented the high school awards. "Doc" Brown and Seymour Brickman, instrumental in Yeshiva's swimming program, were also cited.

Mortimer Kogon Memorial

Stanley Siegel was awarded the Mortimer Kogon Memorial Award for outstanding leadership in student recreational activities. Coaches Sarachek, Stein, Tauber, and Epstein received gifts from their respective teams. The tennis team also presented Professor Hurwitz with a gift in appreciation of his efforts towards making the team a success.

Shari Hurwitz, ventriloquist, and Arnold Furst, magician, provided the entertainment of the evening.

Steve Katz '52 was in charge of and arranged the affair.

Lifshutz Crowned Ping Pong Champ

Dave Lifshutz defeated Sam Dershowitz in the Intramural Ping-Pong Championship Finals on Wednesday, May 14, in the Y. U. gym. At the same time Fred Klein, Nisson Shulman, Sam Feder, William Millen, Howard Spear, and Dave Mostofsky qualified for the novice saber finals, which are to be held this week. Both tournaments are under the direction of Fencing Coach Arthur Tauber.

Dave Lifshutz, tennis star, playing an exceptionally fine defensive game had to exert himself to the hilt to overcome Sam Dershowitz, 21-14, 17-21, 21-14. Howard Spear was third as the fourth semi-finalist, Dov Kravetz, forfeited.

The Fencing Intramural Tournament is open to all students, except varsity members who are not permitted to compete in their special weapon.



Marvin Hershkowitz, star athlete and Captain-elect of the 1952-'53 Basketball varsity, receives Varsity Letter from Coach Bernie Sarachek at annual Y.U.A.A. Dinner where he was also chosen as Chesterfield athlete-of-the-year.

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"The Masmid is presently on press, and will be ready for distribution on Monday, June 16," announced William Wealcatch '52 and Simon Auster '52 editors-in-chief of the Masmid, the college yearbook.

Mr. Wealcatch reported that the '52 edition of the Masmid will contain one hundred and twenty pages. It will, as usual, feature senior and school activities, write-ups and will contain a large literary section including articles written by students.

Cloth bound personalized copies of Masmid will be distributed to Seniors at the senior dinner on Monday, June 16, and at graduation on Tuesday, June 17. Copies will be made available to the re-

maining students at the cost of one dollar per issue. These will be on sale at the co-op store at the beginning of next semester.

The editors did not name the 1953 Masmid staff, but did state that more underclassmen would be appointed to Masmid staff positions so that they would gain the experience "which has proven to be so vital in the publication of a successful journal."

Elections

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Mr. Shapiro, the president-elect, is an alumni of T. A. Brooklyn, and served as chairman of last-year's Y. U. Drive. He has been a member of Student Council for two years.

Elections were held at the main co-op store. Eighty-four per cent of the student body voted.

Commentator

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Sheldon Rudoff, sports editor, served in that capacity last year and has been on the sports staff for two years. Now president of the sophomore class, he was editor-in-chief of the Brooklyn T. A. newspaper.

Abraham Weisbrod, business manager, was active on The Commentator and the co-op business staffs, and recently received a State Scholarship.

Isaac Sherman, copy editor,

was vice-president of T. A. Brooklyn. David Levey, feature editor, from Syracuse, reported for his high school newspaper and was on last year's Commie feature staff. Herbert Panitch, typing editor, from Elizabeth, New Jersey, is a member of the fencing team and circulation manager of "You the Student."

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